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2. **(Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in [SEQ ID NO:2, 5, 8, or 11] SEQ ID NO:5; and
- (b) a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence set forth in [SEQ ID NO:2, 5, 8, or 11] SEQ ID NO:5.

3. **(Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a naturally occurring allelic variant of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in [SEQ ID NO:2, 5, 8, or 11] SEQ ID NO:5.

4. **(Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

- a) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 83% identical to the nucleotide sequence of [SEQ ID NO:1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, or 12] SEQ ID NO:4 or 6, or a complement thereof;
- b) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a fragment of at least 20 nucleotides of a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of [SEQ ID NO:1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, or 12] SEQ ID NO:4 or 6, or a complement thereof;
- c) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least about 87% identical to the amino acid sequence of [SEQ ID NO:2, 5, 8, or 11] SEQ ID NO:5; and
- d) a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a fragment of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of [SEQ ID NO:2, 5, 8, or 11] SEQ ID NO:5, wherein the fragment comprises at least 15 contiguous amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence of [SEQ ID NO:2, 5, 8, or 11] SEQ ID NO:5.

10. **(Amended)** An isolated polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

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- a) a fragment of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of [SEQ ID NO:2, 5, 8, or 11] SEQ ID NO:5, wherein the fragment comprises at least 15 contiguous amino acids of [SEQ ID NO:2, 5, 8, or 11] SEQ ID NO:5;
- b) a naturally occurring allelic variant of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of [SEQ ID NO:2, 5, 8, or 11] SEQ ID NO:5, wherein the polypeptide is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule consisting of [SEQ ID NO:1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, or 12] SEQ ID NO:4 or 6 under stringent conditions;